

Annual Report 1975



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Shares Listed

Class "A", 1959 Series Preferred and Class "B" shares are listed on the London, England, Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges. 1963 Series Preferred shares are listed on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Auditors

Price Waterhouse & Co.

Transfer Agent

Montreal Trust Company.

Shares transferable at Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver.

Registrar

The Royal Trust Company.



TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

Your Directors take pleasure in presenting the 43rd Annual Report of your Company for the year ended March 31, 1975.

The developing problems referred to in last year's Annual Report became increasingly obvious as 1974 progressed to the point where it would be no exaggeration to say that never in the post-war years have so many uncertainties, economic and political, national and international, buffeted world financial markets. Indeed, it is generally agreed that 1974 was the worst year of the post-war era for most of the stock markets of the world and that, with respect to North American markets, even the very sizeable declines in the most widely followed market indices failed to show the damage inflicted on the great majority of individual stock prices.

However, it became noticeable during the last guarter of 1974 that stock markets all over the world were showing increasing buoyancy despite the fact that the many uncertainties in the outlook had become obvious to the point of receiving front-page attention in the news media. While there was no denying the seriousness of those problems, it was also a fact that markets had by that time spent many months discounting them and that frequently in the past this discounting process has been largely completed by the time the underlying reason for it has become easily apparent. The rise in the stock market during the first quarter of 1975, which was one of the sharpest on record, indicates that the obvious problems facing us had, in all probability, been discounted by the end of last year so that the present risk lies in the possibility of unexpected adverse developments which might interrupt the rebirth of confidence which is now in an early stage of development.

As we move into our new fiscal year we are still in uncertain times and uncertainty in the outlook tends to produce a high degree of volatility in financial markets. As a consequence, economic and stock market forecasts are even more hazardous than usual. On balance, however, we incline to the view that the odds now favour a period of generally rising markets interrupted, as such markets always are, by reactions of comparatively minor, though possibly abrupt, proportions. The extent and duration of the rise will depend, to a considerable degree, on

whether inflation can be brought under better control during the next economic expansion.

Statements of Net Assets and Changes in Net Assets (pages 4 and 6)

Our month-end net equity values per Class "B" Share during the year reflected the volatility of the market, declining from the March 31, 1974, figure of \$21.23 to a low of \$15.17 at the end of September and then moving back up to \$18.14 as of March 31, 1975, the end of our fiscal year. As of that date, total net assets stood at \$71,674,185, as compared to \$82,457,336 at the end of the previous year, after full provision for taxes and payment of dividends on all classes of shares totalling \$2,770,598.

After allowance for the respective redemption prices of the outstanding Class "A" and First Preferred Shares, the net equity value behind each of the three classes of shares was:-

Class "A"

Shares — \$71,674,185 or \$1,372.09 per share

First Preferred

Shares — \$70,107,075 or \$ 350.53 per share

Class "B"

Share — \$63,927,510 or \$ 18.14 per share

Statements of Net Income and Surplus (see page 5)

Income from interest and dividends totalled \$3,504,110, well ahead of last year's figure of \$2,646,318 and a new record for any twelve month period in the history of your Company. Operating expenses, at \$256,619 compared to \$270,578 last year, and management fees, which decreased to \$175,000 from \$183,500, were both at the lowest level for any twelve-month fiscal period since 1968. Net after-tax income reached a new high of \$3,169,046 as against the previous high of \$2,374,441 last year.

After provision of \$378,355 for dividends on the Class "A" and First Preferred Shares, net income available for the Class "B" Shares was \$2,790,691 or 79.3¢ per Class "B" Share, also a new high and a gain of almost 40% over the previous high of \$1,996,086 or 56.7¢ per share set only a year ago.

Class "B" dividends declared and paid out of income during the year increased substantially to \$2,392,243

from \$1,829,086. Net income available for the Class "B" Shares exceeded dividends declared on those shares by \$398,448 which, when added to accumulated net income at the beginning of the year of \$626,259, brought the year-end figure for accumulated net income to \$1.024,707.

Sales of investments during the year resulted in net realized investment gains of \$848,082, on which no capital gains tax was payable. In fact, we were able to recapture \$145,384 of refundable capital gains tax previously paid, so that net realized investment gains resulting from the year's operations totalled \$993,466. A reduction of \$160,000 in the value of our investment in International Capital Corporation reduced this total to \$833,466 which, when added to accumulated net realized investment gains of \$57,089,822 at the beginning of the year, brought the year-end total to \$57,923,288.

Combining the year-end figures for accumulated net income and accumulated net realized investment gains produced an overall surplus of \$58,947,995, up from \$57,716,081 at the end of the previous year. However, this increase of \$1,231,914 in surplus was considerably more than offset by a reduction of \$12,061,890 in unrealized appreciation in value of investments resulting from the unfavourable stock market conditions during the year.

Dividends

Regular dividends at the annual rate of \$1.50 per share were declared and paid on the Class "A" and First Preferred Shares during the year.

The increase in net income previously referred to resulted in a sizeable increase in dividends on the Class "B" Shares declared and paid out of income during the year. These reached a new high by a considerable margin, totalling 68¢ per Class "B" Share compared to last year's previous all-time high of 52¢ per share, and were declared as follows:-

April, 1974 — regular 12¢ per share
July, 1974 — regular 14¢ per share
October, 1974 — regular 14¢ plus extra
4¢ per share
January, 1975 — regular 16¢ plus extra

8¢ per share

It is worth noting that the regular quarterly dividend rate was increased twice during the year to its present level of 16¢ per share which produces a regular annual dividend rate of 64¢ per share.

Portfolio and Investment Policy

The detailed portfolio of investments held by your Company as of March 31, 1975, is set out on pages 7 to 9 inclusive of this report and the distribution of investments, together with summary balance sheets as of the end of the last six fiscal periods showing changes in portfolio weightings is on page 11. These reflect the move towards a somewhat more aggressive investment policy taken early in 1975.

Record of Asset Valuations, Income and Dividends

As usual, there appears on page 12 a record of your Company's progress since its inception in 1933. Since the end of 1967 net equity value per Class "B" Share, when taken by itself, has become increasingly less meaningful as a measure of our investment results. Special dividends totalling \$1.40 per Class "B" Share were paid in the years 1968 to 1971 under the old Income Tax Act and a total of 50¢ has been paid out of taxable capital gains under the revised Act since the beginning of 1972. Such distributions, together with the ebb and flow of refundable capital gains taxes as realized capital gains and losses are incurred, have caused sizeable distortions in our record of net equity values and these distortions are almost certain to increase as time goes by.

Subsidiary and Associated Companies

Our wholly owned subsidiary, United Bond & Share Limited, acts as the management company for all of our operations, including the provision of investment management services on a fee basis.

This subsidiary had a reasonably successful year although income from management fees, which are based on assets under management, suffered from the depreciation in those assets resulting from depressed market conditions. Despite this, it was able to absorb a larger proportion of our total management expenses with a consequent further reduction in the share borne by United. As has already been noted, this resulted in the latter's management expenses for the year being the lowest of any twelve-month fiscal period since 1968 despite the strong inflationary trend during the intervening years.

Particularly noteworthy was the further expansion of the RoyFund operation made up of two mutual funds. RoyFund Ltd., which is equity-oriented, and RoyFund Income Trust, which is, as its name suggests, incomeoriented with a portfolio consisting of mortgages and high-yielding fixed income securities. Both funds are managed by United Bond & Share and distributed through the branches of The Royal Bank of Canada. Depressed market conditions reduced the market value of the equity fund's portfolio during the year with the result that total assets fell somewhat despite a continued sizeable inflow of new money. On the other hand, the assets of the income fund grew substantially. On a combined basis the assets of the two funds as of May 31, 1975 had reached \$91.1 million as compared to \$74.5 million a year earlier. RoyFund now appears to be firmly established as one of the fastest growing operations of its kind in Canada.

The Interior Trust Company, owned equally by The Royal Bank of Canada and United Bond & Share, remained inactive during the year insofar as the usual operations of a trust company are concerned. However, it continues to operate an investment program of its own and, in addition, owns 50% of the voting shares of RoyMor Ltd. with the other half owned by The Royal Bank of Canada. The business of RoyMor Ltd. is to purchase mortgages from the bank which the latter has originated and processed. It has had an outstanding record of growth which it is anticipated will be maintained into the indefinite future.

As was anticipated in last year's Annual Report, International Capital Corporation Ltd., which is jointly owned by The Royal Bank of Canada, IAC Limited

and United, is in the process of winding down its merchant banking operations and is now carried on our books at a value of \$366,400 after a return of capital of \$113,600 and a write-down of \$160,000 to reduce our remaining investment to a conservative estimate of its realizeable value.

Directors and Officers

In October, 1974, C. S. Malone of Montreal was appointed a Director to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of T. N. Beaupré in March of that year.

July, 1975, will mark the formal retirement of Isabel Waterhouse after thirty-six years of distinguished service to your Company. Miss Waterhouse joined United in 1939, was appointed an Officer in 1954 and was elected a Director in 1973. Her years with the Company saw the net equity of our Class "B" Shares grow from \$4.5 million to the present level of \$63.9 million together with the sizeable growth of other assets under management which followed the formation of United Bond & Share in 1959. Through it all she demonstrated an untiring devotion to the affairs of the Company which will be greatly missed by her fellow Officers and Directors in the years to come. We are sure that shareholders would wish to join in wishing her many years of happy retirement.

On behalf of the Directors,

J. V. Emory President

June 12th, 1975.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS March 31

	1975	1974
Assets:	12 11 11	
Portfolio investments, at market value (average cost — 1975 \$64,009,346; 1974 \$58,076,953)	\$64,272,513	\$70,402,010
Other investments (Note 1)	1,831,305	2,071,071
Other investments (Note 1)	66,103,818	72,473,081
Cash and other assets —		12,170,001
Cash and temporary cash investments	5,383,296	10,020,919
Accrued income on investments	324,436	211,467
Accounts receivable		19,105
Income taxes recoverable	160,575	_
	5,868,307	10,251,491
TOTAL ASSETS	71,972,125	82,724,572
Liabilities:		
Income taxes	_	249,431
Other accounts payable	37,966	17,805
Due to brokers	259,974	
	297,940	267,236
NET ASSETS	\$71,674,185	\$82,457,336
Shareholders' Equity		
Capital stock (Notes 4 and 5):		
Authorized —		
52,237 Class "A" shares 200,000 First preferred shares		
48,617,302 Second preferred shares		
6,000,000 Class "B" shares		
Issued —		
First Class "A" preferred Class "B"		
52,237 — 2,877,480 for a consideration of	\$ 119,384	\$ 119,384
<u> </u>	6,000,000	6,000,000
644,993 '' '' '' ''	6,343,639	6,296,814
<u>52,237</u> <u>200,000</u> <u>3,522,473</u>	12,463,023	12,416,198
Surplus	58,947,995	57,716,081
Unrealized appreciation in value of investments	263,167	12,325,057
	59,211,162	70,041,138
	\$71,674,185	\$82,457,336

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

K. S. HOWARD, Director

J. V. EMORY, Director

STATEMENT OF		1975	1974
NET INCOME	INCOME —	-	
Year ended March 31	Dividends and interest	\$ 3,504,110	\$ 2,646,318
	EXPENSES —		
	Management fee	175,000	183,500
	Directors' remuneration	25,600	21,900
	Fees and expenses of trustee, registrar and transfer agents	24,611	31,693
	Taxes other than income taxes	1,565	1,947
	Legal and audit fees	14,100	9,800
	Office and miscellaneous expenses	15,743	21,738
		256,619	270,578
	Income before income taxes	3,247,491	2,375,740
	INCOME TAXES —		
	Foreign withholding taxes	49,279	4,707
	Provision for Canadian taxes	63,000	60,000
		112,279	64,707
		3,135,212	2,311,033
	Equity in net income of subsidiary	33,834	63,408
	Net income	\$ 3,169,046	\$ 2,374,441
	Net income per Class "B" share based on the average number of shares outstanding during the year	79.3¢	56.7¢
OTATEMENT OF		1975	1974
STATEMENT OF SURPLUS	Undistributed net income, beginning of year	\$ 626,259	\$ 459,259
Year ended March 31	Net income above	3,169,046	2,374,441
	Net income above	3,795,305	2,833,700
	Dividends:		
	Class "A" shares	78,355	78,355
	First preferred shares	300,000	300,000
	Class "B" shares (per share 1975 — 68¢; 1974 — 52¢)	2,392,243	1,829,086
		2,770,598	2,207,441
	Undistributed net income, end of year	1,024,707	626,259
	Accumulated net realized investment gains, beginning of year	57,089,822	54,778,873
	Net gain on sale of investments (Note 2)	848,082	2,503,428
	Amount applied to reduce investment to		
	realizable value	(160,000)	-
		57,777,904	57,282,301
	Income tax recovery (expense) resulting from sale of investments (Note 3)	145,384	(192,479)
	Accumulated net realized investment gains, end of year	57,923,288	57,089,822
	Surplus, end of year	\$58,947,995	\$57,716,081
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STATEMENT		1975	1974
OF CHANGES			
IN NET ASSETS	Net assets, beginning of year	\$82,457,336	\$83,758,227
Year ended March 31	Add (deduct) changes during year —		
	Net income	3,169,046	2,374,441
	Net gain on sale of investments (Note 2)	848,082	2,503,428
	Decrease in unrealized appreciation in value	010,002	2,000,120
	of investments	(12,061,890)	(3,778,840)
	Dividends	(2,770,598)	(2,207,441)
	Income tax recovery (expense) resulting from		
	sale of investments	145,384	(192,479)
	Amount applied to reduce investment to		
	realizable value	(160,000)	
	Proceeds from issue from Class "B" shares	46,825	
	Net assets, end of year	71,674,185	82,457,336
	Redemption value of Class "A" and first		
	preferred shares	7,746,675	7,746,675
	Net assets, applicable to Class "B" shares	\$63,927,510	\$74,710,661
	Number of Class "B" shares outstanding at end of year	3,522,473	3,517,473
	Number of Class B shares outstanding at end of year	3,322,473	= 3,317,473
	Net asset value per Class "B" share	\$18.14	\$21.23
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STATEMENT		1975	1974
OF UNREALIZED			
APPRECIATION	Balance, beginning of year	\$12,325,057	\$16,103,897
IN VALUE OF	Decrease during year	(12,061,890)	(3,778,840)
INVESTMENTS	Balance, end of year	\$ 263,167	\$12,325,057
Year ended March 31	and of jour 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT MARCH 31, 1975

No. of Shares or par value	Average cost	Market value	% of net Assets
Sanks 50,000 Bank of Montreal	\$ 843,500 1,481,721 1,223,734 1,001,801 	\$ 725,000 1,643,281 1,984,875 951,562 82,950 2,994,750 1,823,245 10,205,663	14.24
Distilling 26,900 Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts Limited Class "A" 28,400 The Seagram Company Ltd	1,396,342 1,053,004 2,449,346	1,069,275 859,100	2.69
Brewers 30,000 John Labatt Limited Class "A"	677,830 554,632	1,928,375 547,500 384,313	
Chemical 10,000 Canadian Industries Limited	1,232,462 209,109 113,677	931,813 175,000 114,550	1.30
Communications 5,700 Quebecor Inc	93,021 523,726	289,550 38,475 526,894	.40
Construction & Materials 42,300 Canada Cement Lafarge Ltd	160,317	565,369	.79
Food Processing 60,000 Burns Foods Limited	837,032	667,500	.93
General Manufacturing 100,000 Canadian Marconi Company	495,454 250,000 230,480 975,934	335,000 103,750 97,988 536,738	.75
Asbestos 44,400 Asbestos Corporation Limited	940,429	699,300	.98
Coal 9,000 McIntyre Mines Limited	361,330	398,250	.56
Copper 44,700 Kerr Addison Mines Limited Class "A"	579,730 1,543,842 2,123,572	547,575 1,416,912 1,964,487	2.74
Nickel 16,900 Falconbridge Nickel Mines Limited	545,151 239,687 1,207	540,800 20,475 7,848	
Limited Class "A"	2,176,830 2,962,875	1,633,125 2,202,248	3.07

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

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No. of Shares or par value	Average cost	Market value	% of net Assets
Uranium 64,200 Rio Algom Mines Limited	\$ 2,057,708	\$ 1,412,400	1.97
Zinc 43,700 Cominco Ltd	1,351,237	1,256,375	1.75
Specialty Retailers 7,400 Canadian Tire Corporation Limited Class "A"	353,233	314,500	.44
Food Retailing 35,350 Dominion Stores Limited	603,665 479,750 1,083,415	649,556 475,000 1,124,556	1.57
Oil & Gas 85,000 Alberta Eastern Gas Limited 11,000 Continental Oil Company (Del.) 11,800 Gulf Oil Canada Limited 24,000 Gulf Oil Corporation 35,000 Husky Oil Ltd. 25,500 Imperial Oil Limited Class "A" 18,000 The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company 14,000 Marathon Oil Company 20,800 Pacific Petroleums Ltd. 71,100 Shell Canada Limited Class "A" 900 Texaco Canada Limited	879,958 478,195 272,344 503,865 998,860 646,192 506,194 496,362 383,555 893,114 54,019 6,112,658	552,500 498,960 351,050 469,200 533,750 637,500 426,240 457,800 379,600 1,075,387 28,800 5,410,787	7.55
Paper & Forest Products 45,500 Abitibi Paper Company Ltd. 12,000 Consolidated-Bathurst Limited	537,584 176,280 125,293 686,954 1,526,111	443,625 277,500 94,800 599,250 1,415,175	1.98
Transmission — Gas 79,000 The Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited Class "A" 111,600 TransCanada PipeLines Limited	754,425 1,304,976 1,345,898 3,405,299	987,500 1,185,750 1,347,500 3,520,750	4.91
Real Estate 29,000 Alliance Building Corporation Limited	303,630 557,588 584,267 805,386 2,250,871	134,850 586,500 280,000 898,200 1,899,550	2.65
Steel 29,100 The Algoma Steel Corporation, Limited	608,313 1,644,385 1,440,945 3,693,643	789,337 1,526,400 1,408,875 3,724,612	5.20
Trust Companies 26,900 The Royal Trust Company Class "A"	651,656	632,150	.88
Finance Companies 70,000 Financial Collection Agencies Ltd	838,530	116,900	.16

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

No. of Shares	Δ	A faultai	%
or par value		erage Market cost value	of net Assets
Utilities — Electric 38,050 Calgary Power Ltd	\$ 8	\$51,986 \$ \$32,225	1.30
Utilities — Gas 72,900 The Consumers' Gas Company	2	216,446 1,066,163 256,394 232,675 172,840 1,298,838	1.81
Utilities — Telephone 80,142 Bell Canada	3,5	332,294 3,796,727 667,561 734,063 99,855 4,530,790	6.32
Tobacco 14,700 Imasco Limited Class "A"	4	437,325 430,770 436,450	1.00
Miscellaneous 66,500 Consumers Glass Company Limited		873,775 665,414 914,375 358,185 440,000 551,161 510,000 1015,356 992,000 130,000 162,150 98,700 273,417 101,250 110,000 224,000 3,410,325	1.22 4.76
30,500 Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Co. Ltd. 16,600 Buffelsfontein Gold Mining Co. Ltd. 32,900 Camflo Mines Limited 5,000 Campbell Red Lake Mines Limited 77,050 Dome Mines Limited 33,000 Doornfontein Gold Mining Co. Ltd. 46,300 Pamour Porcupine Mines Limited 19,600 Sigma Mines (Quebec) Limited 14,000 Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining Co. Ltd. 6,000 Western Deep Levels, Ltd. Bullion — 19,056.849 ounces		363,376 415,563 366,452 462,725 366,532 464,712 167,250 456,440 4209,242 462,250 389,515 416,700 470,988 607,600 303,400 609,000 421,037 3,381,158 337,650 11,507,200	16.06
Total portfolio investments	\$64,0	909,346 \$64,272,513	89.68%
Cash and other assets — net	5,5	570.367 5.570.367	7.76
Total portfolio investments and cash	\$69,5	\$69,842,880	97.44%
Other investments (Note 1)		1,831,305	2.56
Net assets	\$71,4	\$71,674,185	100.00%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 1975

 Other investments consist of the following: Shares in and advances to subsidiary, 	1975	1974
United Bond & Share Limited, at cost plus equity in accumulated earnings	\$ 1,464,905	\$ 1,431,071
\$160,000 to reduce investment to realizable value	366,400	640,000
	\$ 1,831,305	\$ 2,071,071

The investment in the subsidiary is not consolidated because it is not significant.

2. The following summarizes the net gain from securities sold: 1975	1974
Proceeds from sales of investments \$ 22,617,	195 \$ 47,977,447
Investments at average cost, beginning of year 58,076, Cost of investments purchased	
85,778, Investments at average cost, end of year 64,009,	
Cost of investments sold	113 45,474,019
Net gain on investments sold	\$ 2,503,428

- 3. Net capital loss for tax purposes for the year ended March 31, 1975 amounted to \$748,375. This amount will be carried back against the taxable capital gain of 1974. The resulting tax recovery of \$145,384 has been credited to surplus in the current year.
- 4. Class "A" shares, without nominal or par value, are preferred as to cumulative dividends of \$1.50 per share per annum, and as to assets on winding up to the extent of \$30 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends.

The 5% cumulative redeemable first preferred shares of the par value of \$30 per share are preferred over the 3% non-cumulative redeemable second preferred shares and the Class "B" shares as to cumulative dividends and as to repayment of capital, accrued dividends and specified premiums on winding up, but are subject and subordinate to the Class "A" shares of the corporation. The first series of these preferred shares consists of 80,290 5% cumulative redeemable first preferred shares, 1959 series, redeemable (on not less than 30 days' notice) and repayable on winding up at par plus accrued dividends. The second series consists of 119,710 5% cumulative redeemable first preferred shares, 1963 series, redeemable (on not less than 30 days' notice) and repayable on winding up at \$31.50 plus accrued dividends.

The 3% non-cumulative redeemable second preferred shares of the par value of 5 cents per share are subject and subordinate to the Class "A" and the first preferred shares as to payment of dividends and repayment of capital. There are, at present, no second preferred shares issued or outstanding.

The Class "B" shares are without nominal or par value.

5. In accordance with the provisions of the employees' stock option plan as amended, options to purchase 45,000 Class "B" shares are outstanding and 66,920 Class "B" shares are reserved for further options. The options outstanding are exercisable at an average price of \$13.59.

During the year ended March 31, 1975 options were exercised for 5,000 Class "B" shares which were issued for an aggregate cash consideration of \$46,825. Options for 10,000 shares expired during the year and were transferred to the shares reserved for future options.

6. Total remuneration paid or payable to directors and officers was as follows:

															1975	1974
Directors															\$ 25,600	\$ 21,900
Officers															246,475	211,500
Number of	of	dire	cto	ors											11	10
Number of	of	offic	cer	'S											7	8
Number of	of	offic	cer	's V	vho	are	als	0	dire	cto	rs				2	3

Officers are remunerated by United Bond & Share Limited, and the management fee charged to the Company reflects a proportionate amount of such remuneration.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of United Corporations Limited:

We have examined the financial statements of United Corporations Limited for the year ended March 31, 1975 which appear on pages 4 to 10 inclusive. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position and investments of the Corporation as at March 31, 1975 and the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the unrealized appreciation in value of its investments for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.
Chartered Accountants

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEETS (all investments at market)

Portfolio —	1975 March 31st	1974 March 31st	1973 March 31st	1972 Dec. 31st	1971 Dec. 31st	1970 Dec. 31st
Cash, etc., Bullion, Short Term Notes & Bonds	\$ 9,249,465	\$13,947,145	\$ 5,471,031	\$ 4,408,387	\$ 5,079,205	.\$ 5,351,220
Less: Liabilities	297,940	267,236	1,975,491	191,990	377,661	54,920
Quick Reserves	8,951,525	13,679,909	3,495,540	4,216,397	4,701,544	5,296,300
Preferred Stocks					593,312	854,775
Total Reserves	8,951,525	13,679,909	3,495,540	4,216,397	5,294,856	6,151,075
Common Stocks & Convertibles*	60,891,355	66,706,356	78,145,025	80,435,645	66,067,712	64,941,175
Total Portfolio Investments and Cash	69,842,880	80,386,265	81,640,565	84,652,042	71,362,568	71,092,250
Investment in and advances to Subsidiary	1,831,305	2,071,071	2,117,662	2,105,139	2,038,864	127,464
Total Net Assets	\$71,674,185	\$82,457,336	\$83,758,227	\$86,757,181	\$73,401,432	\$71,219,714
Capitalization —						
Senior Capital at Redemption Prices: —						
Class "A" Shares	\$ 1,567,110	\$ 1,567,110	\$ 1,567,110	\$ 1,567,110	\$ 1,567,110	\$ 1,567,110
Preferred Shares	6,179,565	6,179,565	6,179,565	6,179,565	6,179,565	6,179,565
Total Senior Capital	7,746,675	7,746,675	7,746,675	7,746,675	7,746,675	7,746,675
Class "B" Equity*	63,927,510	74,710,661	76,011,552	79,010,506	65,654,757	63,473,039
	\$71,674,185	\$82,457,336	\$83,758,227	\$86,757,181	\$73,401,432	\$71,219,714
*Percentage of Common Stocks & Convertibles to Class "B"						
Equity —	95.3%	89.3%	102.8%	101.8%	100.6%	102.3%
Distribution of Portfolio Investmen March 31	ts	M	1975 arket Value	Percentage	19 Market Value	974 Percentage
Cash, Short Term Notes, etc. — r	net	\$	5,570,367	7.98%	\$ 9,984,255	12.42%
Bullion			3,381,158	4.84	3,695,654	4.60
Convertibles			764,200	1.09	504,250	.63
Common Stocks		(60,127,155	86.09	66,202,106	82.35
Total Portfolio Investments and Ca	ash	\$0	69,842,880	100.00%	\$80,386,265	100.00%

Geographical distribution at March 31, 1975 was: Canada 92.31% — Foreign 7.69%

RECORD OF ASSET VALUATIONS AND INCOME

(Class "B" Share figures have been adjusted to reflect subdivisions of 4 for 1 in April, 1953, and 3 for 1 in June, 1964)

Fiscal Period	Net Asset Value	Principal Amount of Bonds Outstanding	Net Equity for Class "A" & Pfd.	Class "A" & Pfd. Shares at redemption price (a)	Net Equity for Class "B"	Net Equity for Class "B" per share
1933	\$ 6,120,481	\$4,498,900	\$ 1,621,581	\$2,000,404	\$ 378,823(b)	\$ 0.13(b)
1935	9,378,287	4,498,900	4,879,387	2,161,079	2,718,308	0.94
1937	9,541,981	4,498,900	5,043,081	1,928,100	3,114,981	1.08
1939	9,843,775	3,705,400	6,138,375	1,588,050	4,550,325	1.58
1941	8,174,586	3,598,900	4,575,686	1,588,050	2,987,636	1.03
1943	9,746,273	3,000,000	6,746,273	1,579,800	5,166,473	1.79
1945	14,443,864	2,800,000	11,643,864	1,579,800	10,064,064	3.49
1947	13,668,485	2,600,000	11,068,485	1,579,800	9,488,685	3.29
1949	14,771,960	2,400,000	12,371,960	1,567,110	10,804,850	3.75
1951	20,391,615	2,200,000	18,191,615	1,567,110	16,624,505	5.77
1953	19,130,077	1,900,000	17,230,077	1,567,110	15,662,967	5.44
1955	29,014,916	1,700,000	27,314,916	1,567,110	25,747,806	8.94
1956	28,054,394	1,316,300	26,738,094	1,567,110	25,170,984	8.74
1957	24,446,536	878,900	23,567,636	1,567,110	22,000,526	7.64
1958	30,381,268		30,381,268	1,567,110	28,814,158	10.01
1959	38,196,704	and with	38,196,704	3,975,810	34,220,894	10.02
1960	37,599,824		37,599,824	3,975,810	33,624,014	9.85
1961	44,351,503		44,351,503	3,975,810	40,375,693	11.77
1962	41,868,337	_	41,868,337	3,975,810	37,892,527	11.01
1963	52,320,937	_	52,320,937	7,746,675	44,574,262	12.84
1964	62,860,580	_	62,860,580	7,746,675	55,113,905	15.87
1965	66,117,062	_	66,117,062	7,746,675	58,370,387	16.80
1966	63,155,547	_	63,155,547	7,746,675	55,408,872	15.94
1967	74,756,817	_	74,756,817	7,746,675	67,010,142	19.11
1968	84,930,355	_	84,930,355	7,746,675	77,183,680	21.98
1969	78,768,892	_	78,768,892	7,746,675	71,022,217	20.20
1970	71,202,250		71,202,250	7,746,675	63,455,575	18.05
1971	73,401,432		73,401,432	7,746,675	65,654,757	18.67
1972	86,757,181	-	86,757,181	7,746,675	79,010,506	22.47
1973	83,758,227	_	83,758,227	7,746,675	76,011,552	21.61
1974	82,457,336	Mandadas	82,457,336	7,746,675	74,710,661	21.23
1975	71,674,185		71,674,185	7,746,675	63,927,510	18.14

- (a) Including Class "A" dividend arrears of \$ 72,304 in 1933 Including Class "A" dividend arrears of \$232,979 in 1935
- (b) Denotes red figures.
- (c) Class "A" dividends paid:

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1933	\$ —
1935	50
1937	4.125
1939	to date 1.50 per year

- (d) Does not include 534,393 Class "B" Shares issued December 23, 1959.
- (e) Excluding dividends declared on Class "A" Shares in 1959 and on Preferred Shares in 1960 and 1963, in excess of their respective regular annual rates.
- (f) Includes full annual dividends on Class "A" and Preferred Shares though only three quarterly dividends were declared.
- (g) For the three months ending March 31, 1973.



Net Income	Dividends on Class "A"	Net Income Available to	Net Income	Dividends Declared per Class "B" share		
for the year	and Pfd. Shares (c)	Class "B" Shares	per share Class "B"	Income	Capital	Total
\$ 72,510	\$ 72,304	\$ 206	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
83,252	96,405	13,153(b)	.005(b)		-	Statistics Stylles
205,196	96,405	108,791	.038			
139,462	80,978	58,484	.020	444mmm-4		MPA-WAN
160,968	79,403	81,565	.028	.02		.02
156,727	78,990	77,737	.027	.025		.025
252,049	78,990	173,059	.060	.06	_	.06
417,965	78,990	338,975	.118	.11		.11
46 3,389	78,356	385,033	.134	.13		.13
656,437	78,355	578,082	.201	.20		.20
717,206	78,356	638,850	.222	.22		.22
810,692	78,355	732,337	.255	.25	-	.25
857,145	78,355	778,790	.271	.27		.27
912,771	78,355	834,416	.290	.27		.27
976,297	78,356	897,941	.312	.27		.27
978,793	78,355(e)	900,438(e)	.313(d)	.30	_	.30
1,308,461	198,790(e)	1,109,671(e)	.325	.30		.30
1,315,655	198,790	1,116,865	.326	.32		.32
1,340,004	198,790	1,141,214	.332	.32	-	.32
1,509,951	330,800(e)	1,179,151(e)	.340	.33	-	.33
1,726,160	378,356	1,347,804	.388	.37		.37
1,881,460	378,356	1,503,104	.433	.41		.41
1,961,783	378,356(f)	1,583,427	.455	.44		.44
2,118,885	378,356	1,740,529	.496	.46		.46
2,093,460	378,356	1,715,104	.488	.44	.28	.72
2,244,030	378,356	1,865,674	.530	.48	.34	.82
2,359,533	378,355	1,981,177	.563	.52	.36	.88
2,029,899	378,355	1,651,544	.470	.48	.42	.90
2,102,317	378,355	1,723,962	.490	.48	.25	.73
470,250(g) 95,850(g)	374,400(g)	.106(g)	.12(g) .25(g)	
2,374,441	378,355	1,996,086	.567	.52	_	.52
3,169,046	378,355	2,790,691	.793	.68		.68



Report for the 6 months ended September 30, 1975

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To the Shareholders

The stock market, which had recovered sharply during the first half of 1975 while the economy continued to decline, peaked in mid-July as the economic recovery got under way. The market weakness which developed during the balance of the third calendar quarter, the second of our fiscal year, reflected nervousness as to the rate of inflation and the pace and durability of the recovery. As you know from our last quarterly report, we have been expecting and, in fact, have expressed a preference for, a gradual and prolonged recovery as offering the best hope for overcoming the highly inflationary environment which was the principal cause of our difficulties. While it is still too early to assess the Government's recently announced restraining measures, it is at least encouraging that they show some recognition of the inflationary problem and a willingness to come to grips with it.

The rise in our net equity value per Class "B" Share reported for the first quarter of our fiscal year was more than offset by the decline which took place during the second quarter with the result that for the six months as a whole we showed a modest decline of 2.5%, from \$18.14 at the end of March to \$17.68 at the end of September.

Net income for the six month period was \$1,421,979 compared to \$1,417,107 for the same period last year. After provision for Class "A" and Preferred dividends, net income available for the Class "B" Shares was \$1,232,801 or 35¢ per share, practically unchanged from last year's figure of \$1,227,929. While it may not be possible to match last year's record figure of 79.3¢ per Class "B" Share for the year as a whole, there is every indication that we can expect another excellent year from the point of view of income.

At their October meeting your Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of 16¢ per Class "B" Share. This was the third such dividend declared out of earnings for the current fiscal year and it brought total dividends to 48¢ per Class "B" Share for the year to date as against 44¢ per share for the same period last year.

Shareholders are reminded that, as is customary for interim reports, all figures in this report are unaudited.



Statement of Net Income

Statement of Net Income		
	Six Months End	ded September 30
	1975	1974
Income:—		
Dividends	\$1,291,428	\$1,209,106
Interest	290,900	384,062
Net income from wholly-owned subsidiary	36,640	11,917
	1,618,968	1,605,085
Evnonces		
Expenses:— Management expenses Transfer, registrar, dividend paying agent's and	97,500	82,000
custodian's fees	9,647	11,716
Directors' fees	14,350	12,400
Legal and audit	8,478	7,000
General	17,825	12,149
	147,800	125,265
Net income before income taxes	1,471,168	1,479,820
Provision for income taxes, including foreign taxes	.,,	, ,
withheld	49,189	62,713
Net Income	\$1,421,979	\$1,417,107
Ctatament of Channes in Not Assets		
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	Six Months Ende	od Santambar 30
	1975	1974
Not according to the Control of the Control		
Net assets at beginning of period	\$71,674,185	\$82,457,336
Add (deduct) changes during the year —		
Net income	1,421,979	1,417,107
Net (loss) gain on securities sold	(280,763)	703,575
(Decrease) in unrealized appreciation in value of		
investments	(1,548,343)	(22,124,020)
Dividends	(1,316,369)	(1,103,721)
Reduction in refundable capital gains tax	73,505	76,872
Net assets at end of period	\$70,024,194	\$61,427,149
Deduct:		
Redemption value of Class "A" and First Preferred		
Shares	7,746,675	7,746,675
Net assets, applicable to Class "B" shares	\$62,277,519	\$53,680,474
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Number of Class "B" shares outstanding at end of period	3,522,473	3,517,473
period	5,522,475	= 0,017,770
	Per Class "B" Share	
Net asset value at end of period	\$17.68	\$15.26
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$18.14	\$21.23
Distribution out of net income	32.0€	26.0¢
Statement of Net (Loss) Gain		
on Securities Sold	Six Months Ende	ed September 30
on Securities Sold	1975	1974
Proceeds from sales of securities	\$17,187,037	\$15,157,682
Investments at average cost at beginning of period	64,009,347	58,076,953
Cost of securities purchased	19,343,533	14,980,520
	83,352,880	73,057,473
Investments at average cost at end of period	65,885,080	58,603,366
Cost of securities sold	17,467,800	14,454,107
Net (loss) gain on securities sold	\$ (280,763)	\$ 703,575

Statement of Investments

as at September 30, 1975

No. of Shares		Market	% of Net
or Par Value	Cost	Value	
BANKS	\$	\$	
5,900 Bank of Montreal	3,633,523	100,300 4,016,312	
Commerce	. 885,113	2,472,500 886,537	
140,000 The Royal Bank of Canada 62,699 The Toronto-Dominion Bank		4,690,000 2,617,683	
	11,487,387	14,783,332	21.11
DISTILLING 6,800 Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts			
Limited Class "A"		201,450 327,600	
	786,787	529,050	.75
BREWERS 23,800 John Labatt Limited Class "A"	. 537,745	449,225	
21,500 The Molson Companies Limited Class "A"	. 554,632	405,812	
	1,092,377	855,037	1.22
CHEMICAL 10,000 Canadian Industries Limited	. 209,109	216,250	
5,800 Union Carbide Canada Limited	. 113,677	116,000	
COMMUNICATIONS	322,786	332,250	.47
5,700 Quebecor Inc	. 93,021	39,900	
Ltd. Class "A"		638,250	
CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS	747,478	678,150	.96
42,300 Canada Cement Lafarge Ltd	. 160,317	385,987	.55
FOOD PROCESSING 60,000 Burns Foods Limited	. 837,032	555,000	.79
*GENERAL MANUFACTURING 100,000 Canadian Marconi Company	. 495,454	410,000	
10,000 \(\frac{1}{2}\)% Conv. Pfd. Series "B" \(\)	. 250,000	82,500	
33,500 Sklar Manufacturing Limited	975,934	80,400 572,900	.81
ASBESTOS	373,334	372,300	.01
44,400 Asbestos Corporation Limited	. 940,429	865,800	1.24
COAL 13,000 McIntyre Mines Limited	. 549,261	555,750	.79
COPPER 68,100 Kerr Addison Mines Limited			
Class "A"		757,612 254,062	
7,700 770141144 7111100 41111104 01410 17777	1,158,786	1,011,674	1.44
NICKEL 32,500 Great Lakes Nickel Limited	. 239,687	14,300	
52,322 Great Lakes Nickel Limited. Option: 37,500 The International Nickel Company		7,848	
of Canada, Limited Class A		965,625	
URANIUM	1,496,758	987,773	1.41
70,620 Rio Algom Mines Limited	2,192,528	2,189,220	3.13
ZINC 22,500 Cominco Ltd	. 695,717	750,938	1.07
SPECIALTY RETAILERS			
7,400 Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited Class A	. 353,233	340,400	.49
FOOD RETAILING 85,350 Dominion Stores Limited		1,504,294	
25,000 Steinberg's Limited Class "A"	1,927,292	1,973,044	2.82
OIL & GAS	970.050	000.075	
85,000 Alberta Eastern Gas Limited	. 108,601	626,875 110,600	
16,300 Dome Petroleum Limited		501,225 342,000	
14,000 Home Oil Company Limited Class A	. 359,151	350,000	
7,500 Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited	. 222,811	234,375	
39,000 Husky Oil Ltd	. 1,071,692 . 851,384	736,125 812,375	
15,500 The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company		391,375	
79,050 Pacific Petroleums Ltd		1,966,369 1,293,075	
	7,579,828	7,364,394	10.52

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No. of Shares or Par Value	Cost	Market Value	% of Net Assets
TRANSMISSION — GAS 79,000 The Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company	\$	\$	
Limited Class "A"	754,424 1,304,976	869,000 1,046,250	
Limited	1,672,257 3,731,657	1,603,812 3,519,062	5.03
REAL ESTATE 29,000 Alliance Building Corporation Limited 29,000 Alliance Building — Rts	303,630	116,000 14,500	
Limited	557,588 584,267	465,750 224,000	
49,900 Trizec Corporation Ltd	805,386 2,250,871	773,450 1,593,700	2.28
STEEL 19,800 The Algoma Steel Corporation, Limited	413,904	566,775	
30,150 Dominion Foundries and Steel, Limited Class A	779,557	772,594	
46,700 The Steel Company of Canada, Limited Class "A"	1,340,791	1,377,650	2.00
TRUST COMPANIES	2,534,252	2,717,019	3.88
26,900 The Royal Trust Company Class "A"	651,656	524,550	.75
FINANCE COMPANIES 70,000 Financial Collection Agencies Ltd UTILITIES — ELECTRIC	838,530	101,500	.15
58,750 Calgary Power Ltd. Class A	1,371,512	1,483,438	2.12
UTILITIES — GAS 72,900 The Consumers' Gas Company 22,700 Northern and Central Gas	1,216,446	856,575	
Corporation Limited	256,394 924,581	204,300 861,413	
	2,397,421	1,922,288	2.75
UTILITIES — TELEPHONE			
80,142 Bell Canada	3,532,294 667,561	3,305,858 658,125	
TODAGGG	4,199,855	3,963,983	5.66
TOBACCO 14,700 Imasco Limited Class "A"	444,573	433,650	
(\$20 par)	430,770	421,400	,
Limited	1,308,431	388,800	1.78
BUSINESS FORMS			
37,500 Moore Corporation Limted MISCELLANEOUS	1,777,177	1,696,875	2.42
86,500 Consumers Glass Company Limited . 8,000 Crown Life Insurance Company	828,274 358,185	1,124,500 472,000	
29,000 Genstar Limited	532,789 741,520	507,500 746,700	
16,000 Great-West Life Assurance Company 5,500 International Business Machines	1,015,356	828,000	
Corporation	1,084,098 294,044	1,061,445 132,500	
25,000 Systems Dimensions Limited \$350,000 Systems Dimensions Limited	273,417	98,750	
5% Conv. 1989	410,000 5,537,683	5,181,395	7.40
GOLD 8,500 Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mining Co. Ltd.	101,269	82,875	
6,600 Buffelsfontein Gold Mining Co. Ltd	241,119	128,700	
29,900 Camflo Mines Limited	455,904 171,764	313,950 120,625	
58,755 Dome Mines Limited	2,025,688	2,262,068	
10,000 Doornfontein Gold Mining Co. Ltd 38,300 Pamour Porcupine Mines Limited	147,300 330,485 302,778	96,250 162,775 315,000	
4,000 Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining Co. Ltd	172,400 2,033,398	110,000 2,329,300	
Dumbh — 10,000.043 Junices	5,982,105	5,921,543	8.46
TOTAL PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS	\$65,885,080	\$64,599,902	92.25%
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS — NET	3,589,546	3,589,546	5.13
TOTAL PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND CASH	\$69,474,626	\$68,189,448	97.38%
OTHER INVESTMENTS	1,994,746	1,834,746	
NET ASSETS	\$71,469,372	\$70,024,194	100.00%